



Committee of the Whole Meeting

A public meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held Monday, March 8, 2021 Virtually.

Trustees Present:

Bill Conway, Manuel da Silva, Kevin Dupuis, Jeanne Gravelle, Wendy Price, Greg Reitzel, Brian Schmalz, Melanie Van Alphen (Chair), Tracey Weiler

Student Trustees Present:

Abby Barbosa & Kate Morrison

Administrative Officials Present:

Loretta Notten, Jason Connolly, Gerald Foran, Maria Ivankovic, John Klein, Shesh Maharaj, Judy Merkel, Richard Olson

Special Resources For The Meeting:

Regrets:

Absent:

Recorder:

Alice Figueiredo, Executive Administrative Assistant

NOTE ON VOTING: Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials

The opening prayer was led by Trustee Dupuis.

1.2 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Territorial Acknowledgement was led by Chair Van Alphen.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

2021-08 -- It was moved by Trustee Schmalz and seconded by Trustee Gravelle:

THAT the agenda for Monday, March 8, 2021 be now approved. --- Carried by consensus.

1.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

1.3.1 From the current meeting – NIL

1.3.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

2. Consent Agenda: Director of Education (e.g. day-to-day operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the board is required to do)

3. Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

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3.1.1 Minutes of Monday, February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes

2021-09 -- It was moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Conway:

THAT the Consent Agenda of Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. --- Carried by consensus

4. Delegations

5. Advice From the CEO

5.1 Adult Education Update

Superintendent Ivankovic introduced Lisa Mackay, principal of St. Louis who provided the Board of Trustees with a presentation on St. Louis Adulting Learning & Continuing Education Centres. The presentation included an update on programs offered, virtual learning and next steps and recommendations.

Trustee Price asked how Trustees could help advocate for the PWS programs and whether a letter in support would assist. Principal Mackay confirmed that a letter would be appreciated.

2021-10 -- It was moved by Trustee Price and seconded by Trustee Gravelle:

That the Board of Trustees instruct our Chair of the Board to write a letter of advocacy on behalf of the PSW Program in consultation with the principal and Superintendent of St. Louis and Director of Education.

--- Carried by consensus

Motion was carried and will be ratified at upcoming Board. Trustees asked clarifying questions on the presentation and provided feedback.

5.2 Assessment & Evaluation

Superintendent Klein introduced Beth Wolf, Student Achievement consultant and Suzanne Smart, Learning Innovation Consultant who provided the Board of Trustees with a presentation on Assessment & Evaluation. Presentation included foundation of work, triangulation of data, meaningful process, and goals/next steps.

Trustees asked clarifying questions and provided feedback.

6. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

6.1 Linkages Activity

Trustees reported back from the Linkage Committee. Highlights included:

- Trustee Conway will prepare appreciation letters to Lorraine Harris, Denise Francis and Sharon Adie for this work on Black Heritage curriculum.
- Trustee Weiler will be sending an invitation to committee chairs to attend Committee of the Whole in May.
- Debrief on Winter Walk to School Day on February 3rd and its success.
- Chair Van Alphen shared experience volunteering at Tiny Homes Take Out.

6.2 Pastoral Care Activity

Trustees reported back from the Pastoral Care Committee. Highlights included:

- Trustee Price updated Trustees on her conversation with Tony Stortz of Tiny Homes regarding volunteering. Unfortunately, at this time, Trustees cannot volunteer all at same time but can sign up individually. A tour of Tiny Homes was also offered to Trustees on March 17th between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., interested Trustees are to email Trustee Price.
- Trustee Price and Student Trustee Barbosa are continuing to work on a 30 presentation on staying united in faith.
- Update on Prayer partners.

7. Reports From Board Committees/Task Forces

8. Board Education (at the request of the Board)

8.1 OCSTA Communications

Chair Van Alphen briefly discussed OCSTA communications.

9. Policy Discussion

10. Assurance of Successful Board Performance

11. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance

12. Potential Agenda Items

12.1 Board Policy I 001 Ends Review

Chair Van Alphen gave background information on why Board Policy I 001 Ends was referred to Governance and the main issue of timing. Governance had discussions in January where it was pointed out that the policy itself does refer to having a more formal monitoring in June. It was also noted that when Ends were discussed in the past there was a lot of stakeholder engagement, consultation, and possibility a working committee. Governance brought forth a motion to board in January requesting the Ends policy be reviewed and updated and that full board discussion was required to discuss the process.

Round table discussion took place and Trustees noted that Ends are to be discussed at upcoming Governance training and feel it may be worthwhile to have discussion after the training. Chair Van Alphen suggested that once training has taken place that she will prepare a summary report to start the conversation.

Director Notten suggested that this item be reviewed in Governance. Trustee Price noted concerns that this project could be very time consuming and require a standing committee. It was also suggested that perhaps the conversation starts at a Governance meeting and see where it leads. It was suggested that the next Governance meeting be pushed forward.

Chair Van Alphen confirmed that the conversation on Ends will wait until after training and discussion at upcoming Governance. Upon completion she will prepare a summary report for Trustees for decision at a future Board meeting.

12.2 Work of the Board – PD Discussion on Monitoring Reports

Item brought forth this evening to see if Trustees want to have a conversation on monitoring reports and how to move forward. Some recommendations were given in February from Governance training which included adopting a new template.

Trustees noted that they liked idea of new format and getting reasonable interpretation included on the form. Formal conversation may not be needed at this moment and asked Director Notten to communicate to senior team what Trustees would like to see on future monitoring reports. Director Notten noted that suggestions apply differently to different polices. Staff will work with direction.

Trustees suggested that the Chair bring a report forward a report from 2012 as they were very similar to what is being recommended.

Trustees agreed that informal discussion is satisfactory and that there is no need to make formal motions at this point. Trustees noted that the hope to gain more insight from upcoming Governance training and would help conversation at upcoming Governance meeting. Trustees agreed that an interim Governance meeting should be scheduled prior to the upcoming meeting of May 25th.

13. Announcements (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated)

13.1 Upcoming Meetings/Events

Trustees discussed upcoming events.

14. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda/Pending Items

Chair discussed upcoming agenda items.

15. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

15.1 Confirm Decisions

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

15.2 Move in Private, Private

**2021-11-- It was moved by Trustee Gravelle and seconded by Trustee Reitzel:
That the Board of Trustees move into Private, Private meet at 8:06 p.m.**

16. Closing Prayer

17. Motion to Adjourn

**2021-12-- It was moved by Trustee Dupuis and seconded by Trustee Price:
THAT the meeting be now adjourned. The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:21 p.m.**



Chair of the Board



Secretary